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FROM US REP MBFR

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TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS STATEMENT BY NETHERLANDS

REP QUARLES

REF: STATE 072125 (NOTAL)

1. ON BASIS OF REFTEL, WE AMENDED PARAGRAPH 9 AS FOLLOWS:  
DELETE FIRST SENTENCE. REPLACE BY "SECOND, WHAT KIND OF REDUCTIONS  
WOULD CONTRIBUTE MOST TOWARD THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THESE  
NEGOTIATIONS, NAMELY, ENHANCING STABILITY AND STRENGTHENING  
PEACE IN EUROPE?"

2. DELETE PARAGRAPH 18 AND REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING: "NOW LET  
ME TURN TO THE SECOND OF TWO MAIN ISSUES WHICH DIVIDE  
EAST FROM WEST, THE QUESTION OF WHAT KIND OF REDUCTIONS WOULD  
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CONTRIBUTE MOST TOWARDS STRENGTHENING PEACE IN EUROPE. THE

WESTERN VIEW IS THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD AIM AT ACHIEVING AN EQUILIBRIUM THROUGH A COMMON CEILING IN GROUND FORCES."

3. WE ADDED PARAGRAPH 18BIS AS FOLLOWS: "THERE ARE GOOD REASONS FOR THIS APPROACH: GROUND FORCES ARE OF COURSE BY FAR THE LARGEST FORCES IN THE AREA. THEY ARE THE FORCES WHICH COULD INVADE OR OCCUPY TERRITORY. THEY AR THE NUB OF THE PROBLEM OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE. HENCE, THIS IS THE PLACE TO TACKLE THE QUESTION OF STRENGTHENING PEACE IN EUROPE."

4. NETHERLANDS REP AGREED TO ABOVE CHANGES AND USED THEM IN HIS TEXT. ADDRESSEES SHOULD AMEND THEIR TEXTS ACCORDINGLY.

5. WE ALSO INFORMED NETHERLANDS REP OF SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO CONTINGENCY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. HUMES

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